

One Big Barbecue

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The sprawling backyard belonging to philanthropist and Cognos founder Michael Potter and his wife, Véronique Dhieux, in Rockcliffe Park set a sublime setting for an exclusive fundraiser Monday.

The Great Canadian Barbeque: A Sizzling Affair wine and food night raised more than \$32,000 for Help Lesotho, an Ottawa-based organization that works to prevent HIV/AIDS in the small southern African country of Lesotho, which has the third-highest rate of infection in the world.

The 75 tickets, priced at \$275 a pop, sold in just 10 days due to the posh location and the participation of celebrated wine writer Natalie MacLean and chefs/co-owners Charles Part and Jennifer Warren-Part of award-winning Chelsea restaurant Les Fougères.

On hand were Help Lesotho executive director Peg Herbert and board member Mary Ann Turnbull, director of the



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11: From left, Tracey Clark, Mark Carney, Diana Carney and Charlotte Gray at The Great Canadian Barbeque fundraiser for Lesotho. **12:** Kevin Newman and Lucy van Oldenbarneveld. **13:** Mary Ann Turnbull, Michael Potter and Peg Herbert. **14:** Charles Part, Jennifer Warren-Part and Natalie MacLean.

Turnbull private school, which donated the wine. Global National anchor Kevin Newman pitched in as celebrity server with CBC News host Lucy van Oldenbarneveld, author Charlotte Gray and Tracey Clark of Bridgehead.

Auctioned off were privately catered dinners, a holiday in Tuscany and a group tour of Potter's private aviation museum, Vintage Wings, plus a ride in his Harvard 4 aircraft. Guests included Lesotho High Commissioner

Mots'eo Senyane, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and his wife, Diana, and former Liberal cabinet minister John Manley and his wife, Judith.

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